

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler will be honored tonight by the American Cancer Society and the Delran Relay for Life with the 'Fight Back' Award. The award recognizes Congressman Adler's work to prevent cancer, protect New Jersey families from second-hand smoke, and provide health insurance for children who otherwise might not have access to treatment.

"I applaud the American Cancer Society, the volunteers, and supporters for all their work to raise awareness about cancer," Congressman Adler said. "I am committed to working on behalf of New Jersey families to continue our fight against cancer, to make health insurance more affordable, and ensure that health care is more accessible."

The American Cancer Society recognized Congressman Adler for his efforts to make fighting cancer a top national priority. The group highlighted the bipartisan Family Smoking and Prevention Tobacco Control Act, which will prevent kids from smoking through stricter regulation at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the bipartisan State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which provides 11 million kids with affordable health insurance.

In the State Senate, Adler authored and helped pass the Smoke-Free Air Act, which banned smoking in restaurants and workplaces. It is considered one of New Jersey's premier public health laws.

Relay for Life, celebrating its 25th anniversary, is a unique 24-hour, overnight activity that offers everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. With events nationwide and abroad, the Delran Relay has grown to be one of the premier relays on the East Coast. In 2008, 1300 participants raised almost \$200,000 for cancer research.